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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of

Nakao

Application Number: 10/756,401

Filed: January 14, 2004

For: FUNCTIONAL BEADS, METHOD FOR READING THE
SAME AND BEAD-READING APPARATUS

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Art Unit 1641

Examiner Unsu Jung

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS ALREADY PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	16	16	(Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	8	8	5 (Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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				TOTAL	0

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action
(with claim election)

[] Substitute Abstract

[] Preliminary Amendment

[] Other _____

[] Petition for ___ month Extension-of-Time

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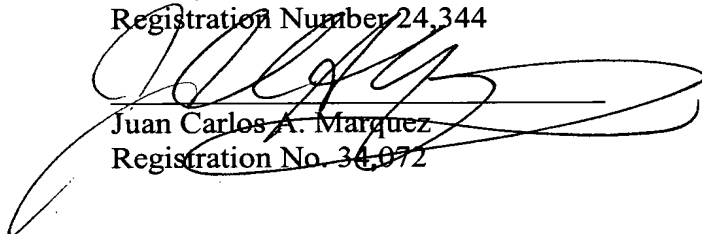
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 19, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on February 19, 2006. Applicant hereby elects the continuing prosecution of Group II as recited in claim 6 and directed to a method for reading beads by applying a voltage to functional beads in a flow path, classified in Class 436, subclass 525, without traverse.